GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:728
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DEVELOPMENT OF FLORICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of land under the floriculture cultivation during each of the last three years, State-wise.

(b) the allocation made for the development of floriculture during the said period; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government to promote and encourage the floriculture in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.728 TO BE ANSWERED ON TH 17th May, 2000 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): State-wise area of land under floriculture cultivation during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 is as under:-

Area in Hectares

State/UT	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Andhra Pradesh	7616	8420	8357
Assam	442	442	NA
Bihar	104	104	86
Delhi	1866	1866	3450
Haryana	1850	1950	2250
Himachal Pradesh	100	114	133.3
Jammu & Kashmir	133	167	75
Karnataka	19656	20780	20780
Madhya Pradesh	1334	1334	1956
Maharashtra	5439	4786	4979
Manipur	78	78	140.5
Orissa	-	-	175
Punjab	550	550	560
Rajasthan	2048	2048	2353
Sikkim	50	60	NA
Tamil Nadu	15856	16745	17750
Tripura	-	-	25
Uttar Pradesh	320	321	350.08
West Bengal	13720	13720	10500
Daman & Diu	5	5	5
Pondicherry	46	46	46
Total	71213	73536	73970.88

Source : National Horticulture Board
N.A. : Not Available.

(b)&(c): The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is implementing a Central Sector Scheme for the development of commercial floriculture throughout the country. Under this scheme the following amounts have been made available to the States during the last three years:-

1997-98	Rs.146.70 lakhs
1998-99	Rs.563.82 lakhs
1999-2000	Rs.400.00 lakhs

The major components of the above mentioned schemes are as follows:-

1. Setting up of Model Floriculture Centres.

2. Area expansion.

3. Training.

4. Demonstration plots.

5. Green houses and shade nets. 6. Nurseries.

Besides, National Horticulture Board with its scheme `Development of Marketing ofHorticultural produce through participation in soft loan` provides soft loans for integrated horticulture projects including floriculture. Assistance under the scheme is demand based and no specific allocation is made. Besides Agricultural and Processed Food Export Development Authority (APEDA) under Ministry of Commerce is promoting export of flowers by private sector, cooperatives and others.